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ADDIE GILBERTSON INTERVIEW  
IRISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY STUDY  
JULY 27, 1977  
KEVIN CASEY INTERVIEWER

~~Today xxxxxx July~~

Q:

I'm in Clontarf, MN talking to Mrs. Addie Gilbertson and today is July 27, 1977. First

I guess I'd like to ask to when you were born and where?

19\_\_\_\_, right here in Clontarf.

Q: Did you live ~~in this home~~ in this home?

No., no on a farm.

Q: On a farm?

North of Clontarf.

Q: North of Clontarf?

Pope County.

Q: And did you live there all your life <sup>or</sup> as a child?

Yes.

Q: What were your parents names?

~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ and John and ~~xxxx~~ and Clara Daniels.

Q: John and <sup>la</sup> Clara Daniels? ~~and~~ how long did they live in Clontarf?

My dad lived there ~~since~~ since he was 3 years old. My mother lived here after they were married.

Q: What kind of work did your father do?

Farmed.

Q: <sup>he</sup> Farmed. All <sup>of</sup> his life?

All his life.

Q: I see. How about...

Until we moved here in town, when he retired and then he just <sup>k</sup> kind of did odd jobs.

Q: Did he sell the farm, then?

Yes.

Q: What kind of crops? Was he a dairy farmer or did he raise...

No, no. As I remember he had quite a few hogs and he did milk cows, and well, what the average farmer used to have.

Q: I suppose. How big was the farm, do you remember?

280 acres, I think.



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Q: Did your grandfather own that ~~a~~ farm then before...

Yes, first.

Q: So he settled <sup>the</sup> ~~that~~ farm?

He settled the farm, yes.

Q: ~~Where you know how~~ Where was he from.?

They were born in Canada, then they moved to Waverly, MN. There <sup>was</sup> a big French settlement there.

And then they took oxen and came up here in a covered wagon.

Q: From Waverly?

From Waverly. I remember my dad telling that they settled up north of town here and it was about a mile from the ~~river~~ ~~river~~ and there were Indians at the river and the Indians used to come up for milk and eggs and they'd trade ~~and~~ beads and stuff, you know.

Q: For milk and eggs?

Yes.

Q: As I understand a lot of the French settled North of town, is that correct?

That's right, yes.

Q: When they came here, did they know anyone else?

No, they didn't.

Q: Do you know why they <sup>decided</sup> ~~decided~~ to come here?

I don't know why, unless, I really don't know.

Q: Now this <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ your grandfather...

Unless they heard <sup>a</sup> of this settlement from Bishop Ireland. He ~~was the one who~~ got quite a few people up here.

Q: Now this is the grandfather on who's side? On your father's side?

~~On~~ My father's side. The grandfather ~~on~~ on my mother's side, they were from Glencoe, and they moved to Hancock for a few years and that's where my ~~dad~~ <sup>met</sup> ~~dad~~ my mother

Q: So your mother's from Hancock?

Yes. She was born and raised in Glencoe and then went to Hancock. <sup>And then</sup> ~~Then~~ after they were married awhile, then my grandparents sold <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ farm and went back to ~~Glencoe~~ Glencoe.

My grandfather, ~~at~~ they lived near the Twin Cities, ~~at~~ let me see, what would it be called?



There was an Indian <sup>uprising</sup> ~~up~~ there I think. He was just a little fellow and he was crying, he wanted to go back to that little kitten. I <sup>can</sup> remember that so well. He finally went back and got it and that got away <sup>is</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>then they</sup> ~~settled in~~ Glencoe.

Q: You don't remember when ~~that~~ <sup>is</sup> was? You have no idea?

No, I did, it was one of the last <sup>uprisings of the</sup> ~~uprisings~~, but I can't remember what year it would be. But I remember so distinctly because <sup>Indians over here</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>he wanted</sup> that kitten.

Q: Do you know what part of Canada <sup>a</sup> your grandparents came from?

Quebec

Q: From Quebec? Your ~~2~~ other grandparents, what <sup>descend.</sup> ~~there~~ ~~discent~~?

Chavelier, they were French, too. His folks came from Canada too, but I don't know so much about them. My grand<sup>m</sup>mother was a Jarvis, my Grand~~mother's~~ father <sup>t</sup> ~~settled~~ <sup>(124) 5 min.</sup> here, <sup>that</sup> was <sup>y</sup> ~~my~~ mother's maiden name and she was <sup>named</sup> ~~Jarvis~~ and they came from Henderson. They were both French, too. My grandparents on my father's side lived with my folks a lot ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> when I went to school, I spoke <sup>nothing but</sup> ~~a little~~ French.

Q: Oh, really? Were there a lot of people <sup>in town</sup> ~~that~~ spoke French?

At that time ~~was~~ in that settlement, yes. But they've kind of drifted off now.

Q: Yes, I'm sure. So did that cause any problems ~~was~~ for you?

No, <sup>I got along all right because</sup> ~~My~~ mother used to <sup>know</sup> ~~know~~ the teacher.

Q: I see. So you went to school here in Clontarf?

I went to gradeschool out ~~at~~ there and I think 1 year here.

Q: So you attended gradeschool in Clontarf?

1 year.

Q: <sup>just</sup> One year? and ~~then~~ where?

I worked here and that's as far as I got. We were too darn busy farming you know, farming.

I was the only child <sup>a</sup> and I helped my dad on the ~~farm~~ and <sup>always had</sup> ~~I was~~ there to help in the Fall and I was too <sup>I was kind of</sup> ~~involved in everything~~ <sup>bashful</sup>, I didn't want to start high school about a month ~~or~~ two months late. Grade school didn't <sup>y</sup> ~~make~~ a difference because

Q: Now your grandparents lived with you ~~a~~ quite a while? Did they ever talk about Canada at all?



Oh, yeah. I was in Canada in '34, '33 and '34 my husband bought straw. Those were the years it was so dry and he was buying <sup>for</sup> from the states (Is this being taped? <sup>even</sup> K. Yeah this is fine! <sup>and</sup> AG: Is it?) Well, any how <sup>my</sup> French all came back because they talked French. I stayed up there at St.. So Winnipeg is nice <sup>very</sup>. It's <sup>growing a</sup> ~~going~~ <sup>lot</sup>.

Q: Has it?

In the last few years.

Q: I was up there about 4 years ago on a type of a band trip ~~xxx~~ through <sup>our</sup> ~~or~~ high school.

~~xxx~~ Where you from?

Q: I'm from St. Paul originally. So your grandparents didn't really know anyone when they came and settled in this ~~xxx~~ area?

No. No they didn't.

Q: But there was a group of people, wasn't there, that came in a ~~x~~ settled with the French?

There was. It seems to me that there was quite a few from ~~xx~~ Waverly but I can't remember who ~~xxx~~ all... because my <sup>grandmother</sup> helped build a house <sup>there</sup>

I remember my dad <sup>talking about</sup> ~~bought~~ that.

Q: You say your grandfather farmed <sup>also?</sup> all summer?

he was deaf and she did a lot of the work, my grandmother.

Q: <sup>and</sup> ~~You said that~~ your father farmed that farm?

Yeah, farmed that farm.

Q: Did your husband farm, or what did he do?

My husband was a Norwegian ~~is~~ he's from Scandinavia <sup>over</sup> there. He ~~was~~ settled in the <sup>French</sup> settlement and Norwegian. He farmed most of the time.

Q: So he was from outside....

Pope County there.

Q: Was that any problem as far as him being Norwegian and your being French?

Oh, ~~was~~ no. He joined the Catholic church. His <sup>folks</sup> were out there, he was born and raised out there. He came off the farm and built this place over here, the ~~Club~~ Club.

Q: He <sup>built</sup> the what?



The Club over here, he <sup>ran</sup> ~~had~~ it for 10 years, The Clontarf Club.

Q: The Clontarf Club?

Yeah.

Q: Oh~~x~~ really? So you did that. Do you<sup>f</sup> remember what years that was?

They sold it in '42 no '41 and we sold it in '50. I worked hard and I got a heart attack,

Q: What did you do over there? What it is? I have no idea<sup>a</sup> what the Club is<sup>3</sup>?

We had<sup>d</sup> food and just like your Four Seasons and stuff.

Q: I see. So it's a diner club<sup>7</sup> ~~parce~~

Q: Yeah, supper club.

Q: I see. <sup>Th</sup> There wasn't a supper club in town before?

No. <sup>That</sup> It was the first one. <sup>We had</sup> Big crowds.

Q: How did you~~x~~ ever decide to?

I don't know. We just wanted to go into something.

Q: Something<sup>d</sup> different?

Then after that heart attack, we had to sell <sup>then</sup> and he farmed over at Brooten, he had a lot of land over <sup>there</sup>, then he sold that and we bought 4800 acres <sup>224</sup> 10 min <sup>north</sup> of <sup>Mille Lacs</sup> Mille Lacs <sup>Lake</sup> ~~Lake~~. We were there for 7 years and we sold that and came home and then he passed away here after that.

Q: So then you've lived in this house ever since?

Yes. We lived in this place when we had the club, and we<sup>d</sup> go to <sup>Mille Lacs Lake</sup> Mille Lacs ~~Lake~~ in March and we'd come back in Decmeber. So we had the house <sup>here just</sup> the way it is.

Q: So, do you remember, was your grandmother fairly French, I mean, did you pick up any of that at all or French-Canadian?

Yes, ~~They~~ They couldn't speak English. That's why I spoke ~~some~~ French.

Q: Was there a lot... Did you have a lot of French-Canadian foods, did you notice? Pea soup and stuff like that.

Q: A lot of soup?

Oh yeah. They're great for soups~~x~~ and she was a great cook she'd make <sup>ah... she'd make her own,</sup> We'd butcher, & make our own meats. It was very good. My mother was a great soup maker.



Q: Was she? ~~At~~ I'm sure ~~that~~ she was somewhat the same <sup>way</sup> ~~way~~, she had a lot of the French-Canadian influence, too?

Oh sure. Yeah.

Q: Let's see. I guess, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ next ~~the~~ thing to do would be to talk about maybe some social organizations in town. What were some of the big organizations ~~in town~~ that people...

In town here?

Q: Yeah, like there used to be an Ancient Order of <sup>Hibernians</sup> ~~Hibernians~~ that built the hall here. Do you ~~can~~ remember them at all?

No, I <sup>don't</sup> ~~don't~~.

Q: How about Knights of Columbus?

Oh yes. My father and Bill Shinnick were one of ~~the~~ the first to join.

Q: And were they pretty active in town?

Oh yes. They'd go to Benson for meetings.

Q: That was the local chapter? <sup>(yes)</sup> What types of things did they do? Do you know?

<sup>Allie:</sup> Golly, I don't know. I know they always would go to the meetings and <sup>I think</sup> ~~they~~ they'd have card games, little suppers <sup>and stuff</sup>.

Q: ~~Dances?~~ Were there a lot of dances in town?  
<sup>Here?</sup> Yes, used to be.

Q: All the time?

Yes, there used to be.

Q: Where did they hold those then?

At the town hall.

Q: What kind of entertainment did they have at the dances? Would local people play?

Oh yes. Local and otherwise. Years ago we'd ~~used~~ used to have dances and charge a dollar per couple and so forth but we'd get ~~many~~ people from all over.

Q: So that was one....

One of the entertainments.

Q: What other types of things did people do?



Years ago they used to have those ~~box~~ <sup>box</sup> socials.

Q: A lot of what?

Box socials they used to call them where people'd <sup>make a</sup> bring their pretty baskets. Basket social ~~social~~ <sup>him</sup> I think it was. They used to have a lot of that. ~~anyway~~

Q: Can you explain how that works?

The women~~x~~ would fix a ~~box~~ pretty basket and put a lunch in, you know, but nobody <sup>rd</sup> ~~to~~ tell who's basket it was.

Q: So they'd auction them off?

Yeah, and the auctioneer <sup>e</sup> would get ~~a~~ up there why you know.

Q: ~~They auctioned.~~

Yeah, they auctioned it off. ~~See~~ See the highest bidder got it. Sometimes they slipped and they'd <sup>make</sup> ~~somebody~~ <sup>way</sup> to pay because they'd know that he'd want to get that girl's basket.

Q: So the men~~x~~ would bid on the baskets? <sup>S</sup>

Sometimes they went pretty high.

Q: I'm sure. Depending <sup>upon whose</sup> ~~on whose~~ it was.

Yes, that's ~~right~~ <sup>right</sup>.

Q: ~~And~~ Anything else? Was there ~~Ringo~~ <sup>Bingo</sup>?

Oh yes, and they still ~~have~~ <sup>Was</sup> have ~~Bingo~~ <sup>Bingo</sup>.

Q: Do they? ~~Is~~ <sup>Was</sup> it like once a week?

~~gotta go~~ Every Saturday night. Keeps our cemetary going <sup>good</sup>. The cemetary is very pretty, have you ever <sup>e</sup> ~~been~~ out there.

Q: I've seen it, yes, it's very nice.

Father Cooney is very good.

Q: Would they have ~~Bingo~~ <sup>Bingo</sup> once a week.

They have it every Saturday night.

Q: ~~Any~~ Any social things that you did when you were growing up like did they have anything in town?

<sup>(3:10) 15 min.</sup>  
When I was growing up, well, I was the only child in the family and I was alway crazy about



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horses, ever since I can remember. I wasn't that high, <sup>1 guess,</sup> when I had a pony. My entertainment on Sundays was riding horses or breaking the neighbors horses in <sup>or</sup> ~~and~~ breaking my own in and I broke my leg one time.

Q: Did you?

Yeah, we were making a bet and we were going away from home and this pony had a colt and I guess she heard it and I was looking back and I looked back and wasn't paying attention and she through me and put me against the post and broke my <sup>ankle.</sup> ~~ankle~~. But it wasn't long when I ~~didn't have my~~ <sup>ankle was at the</sup> cast <sup>and</sup> ~~when~~ I was back on the house.

Q: Oh, sure. I did~~x~~ the same thing skiing.

Skiing?

Q: And I was back on the skis. ~~~~~~~~~

I don't <sup>know,</sup> we used to get together more years <sup>ago</sup> ~~ago~~ when I was a kid. The neighbors <sup>little parties</sup> ~~neighbors~~ would get together.

Q: Were there a lot of French people in your area?

~~Yes~~, there was. <sup>And</sup> Then we associated with the Scandinavians <sup>living</sup> there too. That's how I met George. We'd go ice skating and stuff like that.

Q: Where did <sup>they have</sup> ~~you go~~ ice skating?, just <sup>on the</sup> ~~in~~ a ponds? <sup>s</sup>

Ponds, yeah. When I was a kid, <sup>we</sup> ~~they~~ entertained more <sup>ai</sup> ~~our~~ ourselves because we didn't have the cars, you know, like they have now. Well, we came to town <sup>and went to Benson and stuff</sup> ~~and that sort of stuff~~.

Q: But you did more of the entertaining?

Yeah.

Q: At home or <sup>family</sup> type ~~stuff~~ <sup>because</sup> ~~stuff~~.

Years ago, too, I <sup>don't</sup> ~~can't~~ know if your parents have told you or your <sup>u</sup> ~~your~~ grandparents, they'd go from house to house and have house dances.

Q: I don't really know what a house dance is.

Well, they'd go to one, for instance, <sup>e</sup> I had a dance here a couple years back <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ my home, dancing <sup>in the kitchen and soon</sup>.

Q: Then people would come over and dance?

And they'd have lunch.



Q: ~~What types of...~~ Now ~~there were~~ people in town that were musicians that would play, is that correct?

Yes, there were people through the country.

Q: Was there a local <sup>a</sup> band?

Not at that time, afterwards there was. How many years ago <sup>would be</sup> that ~~was~~... A bunch ~~got~~ <sup>got together</sup> around here ~~because~~ I know, because I played the piano. Now that would be, it was before we had the Club, I suppose that would be 35-40 years ago.

Q: Did you have any entertainment over here at the Club that would come in <sup>too?</sup> ~~that~~ would come in?

No, not ~~at~~ at that time, we had just the <sup>?</sup> music box.

Q: I see.

We had it for 10 years.

Q: How about quilting bees?

*I never was never in that.*

When I went to school ~~at~~ there we had spelling bees.

Q: Terhe were quilting bees in town.

I suppose they were <sup>and</sup> through the country too, because my <sup>grand</sup> mother made a lot of quilts.

Q: Did a lot of needlework.

In fact, she made one for my baby. Little ~~blocks~~ like that, little <sup>teeny</sup> ~~tiny~~ <sup>c</sup> blocks to quilt and then they quilted ~~it~~ <sup>it took</sup> ~~it~~, little stitches, ~~it took~~ <sup>taken</sup> them a long time.

Q: Could you tell me something about New Years, I know that was a big...

Oh! My father was a singer. They'd have to have Uncle Johnny, everybody ~~used to~~ call <sup>ed i</sup> him Uncle Johnny, my dad, Uncle Johnny, he knew <sup>more</sup> ~~the~~ French songs and they'd have to have Uncle Johnny go with them and the thing was ~~is~~ years ~~xxxxxxx~~ ago when my father went around and everything, ~~ixxxx~~ everybody'd have to go with him and they'd go from one place to another and sing these songs and have ~~ax~~ a little nip or have some coffee and a donut and then they'd go off to the <sup>other</sup> ~~next~~ place.

Q: And these ~~were~~ were French songs?

Yes. All French ~~songs~~. And my dad did it clear up to 2 years <sup>before</sup> ~~before~~ he died, and every ~~year~~ year. But it got so that ~~so many resumed of ones would come back a little too much and~~ ~~that too of these older younger~~

*too many of these younger ones would drink too much and come a little.*



~~they~~ get tight and it wasn't so much fun then.

Q: I heard that they don't do it any more because nobody knows the songs, is that?

That's right.

Q: So your father knew the songs?

Yes, and he tried me some. I had <sup>re</sup> a grand daughter in New York, that he taught ~~the~~ <sup>two</sup> French songs to. She's quite a singer. She's still singing, at Carnegie Hall and she was in Washington D.C. over the Holidays in a play, musical play, and she sang <sup>(388) 20 min</sup> at St.

John's <sup>at</sup> ~~and~~ New York <sup>with the</sup> and Hunter's College <sup>Jazz Quartet</sup> and Metropolitan Quartet Band or Jazz ~~Band~~ <sup>had her as their</sup> or something ~~and was~~ soloist there at Hunter's College. She's the girl that knows the French songs now. I know a little bit of <sup>f</sup> ~~one~~ <sup>(French)</sup> ~~one~~ <sup>Chamberlain</sup> etc.

"Put on your Little Green Hat."

Q: Now the hat was involved in this too.

~~Q~~ Tata tata tata <sup>poof</sup> Poof! And then you'd take a little drink.

Q: There'd be a certain point in the song and then...

You heard about that?

Q: I heard kind of ~~what~~ what was going on, ~~there's someone would, and there~~ would be a song and ~~when~~ they would reach a certain part in the song and take the hat.

It was kind of fun.

Q: <sup>And these people went from one house to another.</sup> ~~The hat would go around and everyone and the~~ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, and these people went, what...

From one house to another, you know ~~these~~ their friends.

Q: It was mostly <sup>French</sup> ~~friends~~?

Well, French, yeah, like for instance in town <sup>friends they</sup> it was Scandinavians, you know ~~French~~ <sup>would go to.</sup>

Q: Everybody was French on New Years?

Yeah, everybody was French on New Years, that's right.

Q: So this is New Year's Eve, they did this, right?

The next day, when my grandparents were living they moved to town and ~~they~~ <sup>li</sup> moved over there, everybody would go there New Year's Day. <sup>Alan</sup> ~~When~~ they passed away, it seemed that my uncle, Jerry Chamberlain, he was Irish, <sup>but</sup> ~~and~~ he married my dad's sister, we'd go over there and then my mother had them after ~~all~~ <sup>the</sup> rest.



Q: So that was more of a family gathering type of thing?

Yes, but everyone could come in, ~~if~~ they were welcome.

Like a  
Q: ~~Was~~ New Years ~~dinner~~ Dinner?

On New Years Day. <sup>And</sup> my mother's house was open to <sup>every</sup> ~~any~~body.

Q: How about St. Patrick's Day, now this was a big thing in town too, right?

<sup>Oh</sup> Oh, yes, the Irish used to say <sup>that</sup> years ago ~~that~~ they would chase the French across the river.

Q: But all the French ~~was~~ would be Irish on St. Patrick's Day, right?

If they wanted to get the Irish mad, they wore yellow.

Q: Not <sup>very</sup> many wore yellow?

<sup>No</sup> Yeah ~~that was~~ quite a day. It <sup>is</sup> still is, they <sup>still do things</sup>.

Q: They still have something going on St. Patrick's day. How about 4th of July, was that a big celebration?

It used to be, but it's ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> many many years now since ~~there~~ <sup>yearly</sup> ~~celebrations~~ <sup>really did anything</sup>.

Q: Can you remember any 4th of July ~~was a big celebration~~?

Oh, I was pretty ~~young~~ <sup>deal</sup> young then, they'd have quite the ~~thing~~ <sup>deal</sup>, races and...

Q: Horse races?

Horse ~~races~~ races, ball games and what ~~is~~ not.

Q: Baseball was ~~really~~ really big in Clontarf.

Yes, ~~that~~ it was.

Q: They used to play a lot?

<sup>y're</sup> These ~~starting~~ <sup>now</sup> again with the younger ones, you know.

Q: Are they?

Yeah. Clontarf you'd to have <sup>quite a...</sup> ~~then~~ they used to play Morris, Benson, DeGraff.

Q: Were they in a league?

They were in a league, yeah, they were. <sup>when</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>had</sup> a club, they were going good.

Q: That was amateur ~~league~~ <sup>ever</sup> league I suppose? It was a league...

<sup>No</sup> No, it was a league. Where did they go? Did they go to St. Cloud? I can't remember if they went to the, Cities, seems that they were there, too. They were a good team.

Q: ~~So they used to play~~ I suppose there were some pretty good ~~teams~~ rivalries with some ~~of~~ the local towns?



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Oh, Benson and DeGraff.. <sup>yes</sup> Louis <sup>or you heard of him?</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, do you know him? He used to be catcher.  
for the ~~Minneapolis~~ Miller's was that.

Q: Oh for <sup>the</sup> Minneapolis Millers?

Yeah. Then he used to come out here and catch. He got to be a ~~fx~~ good friend of <sup>here</sup> ours at the club. He was telling me not ~~x~~ too long ago, he stopped in, he was umpiring a game at ... it's by the Cities, south, somewhere <sup>west</sup> south. He said ~~x~~ he made a mistake by taking his children, ~~anywhere~~, & his boys, you know, young ~~folks~~ fellows. They'd holler ~~yeah~~ "Kill the Umpire!", "Kill the Umphire!".

Q: And he was ~~out there~~? <sup>umpiring!</sup>

Yeah, They gave him <sup>a</sup> a bad time.

Q: I suppose. So, how was the relationship <sup>(27) 25 min</sup> ~~with~~ between the French and the Irish?  
Fine.

Q: Was it good?

Sure, lots of times it ~~was~~ there was a little... That was many years ago. Now they're all nationalities here.

Q: Now, I'm sure. I don't think people think in those terms.

They mingle more.

Q: ~~x~~ Right or they had because the generations that have gotten away from it. I'm just curious ~~because~~ about. Did there used to be some tensions?

There was a little bit of rivalry.

Q: ~~Wasn't~~ I talked to someone else who said there was a problem with the French marrying the Irish, back a while ago, ~~or there wasn't~~...

I never heard of it.

Q: So that <sup>usually</sup> didn't make a difference?

No, Not that I can remember. I can't say <sup>that</sup> I know <sup>of</sup> many of that. There was a little problem <sup>especially</sup> with Scandinavians on account of the church.

Q: Right, but that was more <sup>because</sup> of religion than nationality.

Relig. Nationality was Ok, More of religion in those days, when I was married. It wasn't <sup>like</sup> ~~as~~ it is now, either.



Q: ~~Everybody~~ Somebody had to switch?

Yeah, Scandinavians were pretty much against Catholics but they've gotten over that.

Q: That's good to hear. <sup>a</sup> ~~So the school..~~ ~~xxx~~ There was a school in town until...

It was out toward where this other <sup>end</sup> ~~kid~~ lived.

Q: And that was <sup>the</sup> ~~functioning~~ until when?

I ~~xx~~ don't know, I used to tell my dad talk about it. When he was a kid he used to

~~xx~~ haul <sup>have</sup> there, when he was a <sup>boy</sup> ~~xx~~ young <sup>I suppose</sup> 13 - 14 years old. I used to hear my dad

talk about it, I never knew much about it. There ~~wasn't~~ <sup>was</sup> a young fellow by the

name of ~~xxx~~ Charles \_\_\_\_\_, he married one of my cousins, my first cousin, he was

~~g~~ brought up at that school. He was an orphan and he ran away and they picked him up here  
and he went to school.

Q: I see, so he was brought up in town <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ there any problems with Benson being the bigger town?

No, I don't think so.

Q: Relationships <sup>between</sup> ~~with~~ those towns were pretty good?

Yes.

Q: <sup>Some of</sup> ~~Some of~~ the people in Benson spoke <sup>k</sup> ~~xxx~~ Scandinavian ~~xx~~ for a long time? Some of the businesses and stuff? Did that?

I think that's broke away, I don't ~~xxxx~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~xx~~ hear any more.

Q: I'm sure ~~xx~~/

I don't hear it any <sup>more at all.</sup> ~~more talk~~

<sup>about</sup> ~~xx~~ lot of those <sup>a</sup> ~~xx~~ Scandinavians were ~~xxx~~ like my grandparents, they couldn't speak English.

Q: So they... Would that cause problems when a lot of people would have to go to Benson <sup>to</sup> ~~and~~ bank or...

Oh, no ~~xx~~, there was always somebody there to speak English. My husband broke away from it. The last few years of his ~~xx~~ life when he <sup>couldn't</sup> ~~didn't~~ <sup>(talk)</sup> ~~speaking~~ Norwegian, he had ~~xx~~ forgotten it. It got away from him so long, that he'd stutter.

Q: It just wasn't there. ~~xx~~ He didn't use it? ~~asp~~

~~xx~~ No. He didn't.



you think, was pretty good.

Q: So the ~~xxx~~ relationship between the two towns? ~~xxx~~ Clontarf is pretty dependent on Benson for some of its goods or...

We had a bank here, though.

Q: You did? Until...

Oh, heavens, ~~what~~ when was it that the bank went out? Billy Perrigo went to Benson and ran the bank.

Q: Probably during the depression?

No, it was <sup>before</sup> during the Depression.

Q: It was before that? Were things pretty hard around here during the Depression?

Yes.

Q: I'm sure. ~~It's hard as others have said.~~ Did a lot of people have to give up their farms?

I imagine they did.

Q: Do you know what <sup>types</sup> ~~xx~~ type of things, what did people do when they lost their farm? Did they move into town?

Moved into town, I suppose. You know...

Q: Were there any work <sup>programs or any</sup> assistance at that time?

No, not at that time but there was assistance <sup>of some kind</sup> I suppose at some time, I guess, I'm sure. You know, you'd be surprised, in later years now, how many young people have gone <sup>in</sup> to the Cities. Now I've raised 5 children, <sup>which</sup> ~~that~~ wasn't ~~xx~~ mine. ~~The~~ <sup>the</sup> girls married and lives over in Brooten but all the rest of the kids are in Minneapolis or St. Paul.

Q: A lot of <sup>people</sup> ~~kids~~ that are moving <sup>up</sup> ~~down~~ <sup>there?</sup>

Yes. It seems to be, of course a lot of the kids are ~~moving~~ coming back to the farm, now.

Q: Are they?

I think. I think <sup>that</sup> they're getting more interested in farming again.

Q: It's hard to <sup>go</sup> ~~get~~ into unless you....

And everything is so high ~~unless you have~~ you know, machinery, for <sup>a</sup> kids to start on unless they have some help.

Q: Right, unless they inherit it or take it over from someone.



yeah, ~~that's~~ what I would say.

Q: That's the only way you can do it ~~wany~~ more.

It's pretty tough.

Q: ~~So~~ So you think ~~that~~ there <sup>sort</sup> was some type of assistance during the Depression though.

I'm sure <sup>there was</sup> ~~there was~~. I never had any but I'm it seems to me there was some type of assistance at the time, because I don't know how they lived.

Q: Did a lot of the French lose their farms, do you know?

No, not too many <sup>out</sup> that way.

Q: So they managed to at least hang on?

Yeah, but there <sup>aren't</sup> weren't that many French out <sup>here</sup> ~~that way~~ left. <sup>I mean full-blooded.</sup>

Q: I'm sure.

A6: <sup>We had there all</sup> ~~There were~~ the Bouta's, the Chavelier's, out there; <sup>a</sup> some of them have a little bit Irish. <sup>There are a few left</sup> But we were still there. What they had ~~out there~~.

Q: That's just a matter of generations turning. <sup>But they aren't as proud of being French as they used to be.</sup>

Now, <sup>Then</sup> French you can see with me.

Q: So most of the French did farm <sup>in this area at first?</sup> ~~out here right away?~~

Yes.

Q: So were most of the businesses run by <sup>Irish</sup> ~~Irish~~ people?

A: <sup>There were some</sup> No. ~~The~~ Bouta's had a hotel and then they sold it to <sup>Chamberlain</sup> ~~Chamberlain~~. It was a mixture of the French and the Irish.'

Q: The Irish farmed too, west of town.

West of town.

Q: But there was <sup>that</sup> ~~this~~ type of <sup>division</sup> ~~division~~ <sup>though</sup> ~~too~~ that the French ~~x~~ tended to settle together and the Irish did. So that's just a matter...

Yes, <sup>they did</sup> they always seemed to be on that side <sup>and the French over here</sup> ~~of the fence and the were here.~~

Q: So was there any problems with that at first?

No, I don't think so.

Q: <sup>that</sup> ~~It~~ was just a matter of people <sup>e</sup> ~~A~~ settling with people who had their same nationality.



They all would be, I don't remember too, <sup>much, the ones with a little</sup> fluid in them, a little drinking or something.

Q: The ones who decided, who struggled a lot?

Yeah.

Q: It was more of a good nature type of thing if anything?

Oh, yeah.

Q: Do you remember any plays in town?

Yeah, we used to go to them.

Q: And who put on the plays?

Oh, a bunch of us would get together and put on a play and they were pretty good.

Q: There used to be some plays that used to travel out of town, if I remember right?

Yeah, we did, there <sup>were some we took to</sup> ~~was~~ a couple places. That was fun.

Q: Was it all local people, that would get together and ~~just~~ and do a play?

Yeah.

Q: Who would organize something like that?

Oh, some of the teachers or something would help, you know.

Q: It was a school function more than anything?

No, I wouldn't say so. I would say <sup>just</sup> a lot of ~~xx~~ it was through the ~~x~~ church.

Q: The church was always pretty important?

Oh here, the church was pretty important.

Q: It still is, I'm sure.

Of course ~~Yes~~ we had little ~~xx~~ plays at the school, too.

Q: Did the priests ever get ~~involved~~ <sup>organizing</sup> involved with ~~any of the~~ <sup>let's say</sup> plays or different activities?

~~Father~~ <sup>Mr. Cooney</sup> ~~xxxx~~ <sup>This one now</sup> did you ~~ever~~ <sup>of</sup> hear him, he's very good. Did you ever meet him?

Q: Yes, I know him, Father Cooney?

He's a nice person. He's so interested in the younger people. I have a lot of ~~x~~ friends over there, Scandinavians, when I was in the hospital the last time. A couple years ago I had a cancer operation and some of them ~~x~~ would come and see me and said ~~that~~ what a nice person he was. ~~Then~~ <sup>We</sup> had a doings last Sunday and those people



*just* flocked in here.

Q: You had your Summer Festival? Did a lot of people come back for that?

Yeah. I think ~~next year~~ next year is our <sup>I think ~~it's~~ our ~~it's~~ a</sup> 100th isn't it?

Q2: Yeah, I think ~~it's~~ that's what I heard from someone else. Somebody said they had a two day affair in the workings?

*Abbie:*  
In the workings? Oh dear,

Q: That's what I heard. So that ~~w~~ could be pretty exciting.

*going to*  
That ~~would~~ be pretty much work.

Q: Was the priest always fairly important in town?

Oh yes, there were, Father King was the only one, <sup>he</sup> ~~that~~ couldn't drive a car or *anything* and he was very musical, but ~~the~~ all the others seemed to get around.

Q: And he was <sup>always</sup> probably very respected *person in town?*

Oh, yes. ↗

~~He~~ (He was from Ireland?

Q: Who was? Father King?

Yep.

Q: Were most of the priests in town Irish, then?

~~Quite~~ Quite a few, we had ~~the~~ Father Kenny <sup>long</sup> here for a while and he was as Irish as <sup>you</sup> ~~it~~ could be. Are you Irish?

Q: Yes.

Casey. We had a Father Casey here too.

Q: Yeah.

Isn't he related <sup>e</sup> to you in any way?

Q: I don't think so. He ~~w~~ could be from way back.

*? (Lynch) Father*  
And Father Lance and Fr. King. I guess ~~that~~ <sup>were</sup> they're ~~both~~ both Irish at that. and Father Cooney, and other priests.

Q: Now sometimes in certain areas they'll have problems with, <sup>especially with</sup> German and Irish-

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Catholics, where ~~they'd~~ they'd have a German church and a Catholic church, ~~was~~ was there any...

No. My mother tells <sup>had to build</sup> about in Glencoe, they ~~have~~ their own church, did you know?



that, in Glencoe.

Q: Well they do that ~~in~~ <sup>here</sup> a lot of places in Southern Minnesota too. But they never had any problems with...

Here, no.

Q: Now, most of the children ~~here~~ go to school in Benson, is that right?

Yes, ~~go to school in Benson.~~ <sup>S</sup>

~~That's the closest school.~~

Q: ~~There's~~ <sup>O</sup> There's a parochial school there, is that where most of them go to school?

Quite a few do.

Q: When the school closed here now, there was a public school until ~~seventy-~~ something, right?

What?

Q: When did the school in town close?

Was it 2 or 3 years ago? Time flies <sup>ie so</sup> ~~you know.~~

Q: Yeah, I know.

Not too long ago, about 4 years ago.

Q: ~~Did they have~~ Were there a lot of children going to the parochial school in ~~Benson~~ Benson at that time or not?

I can't remember, there probably were a few.

Q: Was that sort of a big deal when they closed down the school here ~~in~~ in town? People got pretty excited I'm sure.

Yeah.

Q: Was there any move to try and stop it?

Yeah, in a way.

Q: It was just one of those things that was going to happen, one way or the ~~other~~.

Were there a lot of social organizations or was the school ~~x~~ pretty important in town <sup>W</sup> as far as getting people together and things?

A: Yeah, parents - teachers.

Q: They probably had school functions too, <sup>right?</sup>

It seems to me that they always had a great big picnic, you know, the kids.



Q: Did they ever <sup>ve</sup> ~~had~~ any plays or did they put on ~~any~~ recitals ~~or~~ that type of thing?  
 No recitals.

At Christmas time the ~~the~~ kids used to put on a little play. Once ~~in~~ in a while the mothers <sup>club</sup> ~~mixxxxxxxxx~~ <sup>club</sup> used to put on a little play for the ~~the~~ kids.

Q: There was a mothers' <sup>club</sup> ~~club~~ that was associated with the church?

~~With~~ the school.

Q: Or with the school, excuse me. How about politics, did your parents talk about politics much?

No, they didn't. Me and my husband used to be <sup>in</sup> politics.

<sup>I suppose.</sup>  
 Q: <sup>I</sup> Are people pretty politieally minded in this area?

They used to be, some of them are ~~are~~ yet.

Q: Not as much as they used to be?

~~\* they don't get around much~~ Oh, there's some around yet.

Q: So, is it more local politics do you think?

No, some state and federal...

Q: National?\*

Some national. Well, <sup>they get hot up</sup> I ~~get~~ <sup>the village council</sup> about Phillip ~~once~~ once in a while.

Q: Did people ever talk ~~about~~ about political conditions up in Canada? ~~or about conditions...~~  
 I haven't heard any.

I was up in Canada not too long ago. I was ~~at~~ at the Shrine ~~Circus~~ Circus up there, beautiful. Oh, I think <sup>that</sup> Winnipeg has really grown <sup>It's pretty certainly</sup> It's grown since ~~the~~ the last time I was up there. I was there about 15 years ago.

Q: So people didn't talk about Canada that much?

No, no I don't think so.

Q: That ~~a~~ was something... I know with the Irish, people kept...  
 Ireland.

Q: Right. xxx ... and ~~worried~~ worried about <sup>u</sup> Ireland and England and I was wondering if ~~there's~~ there's anything of that with the French?

No, you see all the older French have gone.

Q: ~~How about~~... Did Clontarf ever have a ~~a~~ newspaper?

No.

Q: no, they didn't.



Newspapers are ~~just~~ something to gossip with.

Q: Put they had a column in the ~~x~~ Swift County ~~x~~ Monitor?

Oh yes. Local news.

*That was local news.*

Q: <sup>mb</sup> And did your family receive any ~~other~~ ~~periodicals~~ periodicals or newspapers, magazines, anything that you can remember?

No. Well, my grandparents used to get some French paper from Canada, I remember that, that was so long ago.

Q: That was written...

In French. One of my husbands' relatives used to get the Decorah Posten <sup>(Norwegian)</sup>?

Q: A Norwegian paper?

Yeah. Decorah Posten

Q: Did your husbands' parents speak Norwegian?

Yes.

Q: Your husband spoke Norwegian?

Yeah.

*That carried over a lot.*

Q: I'm surprised.

Are you?

Q: Yeah, a little bit.

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Well, you see when he moved in here and got in here and got away from that, then he, and especially after his folks passed away, then he didn't talk <sup>it</sup> so much. Then in the later years, he tried to talk Norwegian he'd stumble all ~~over~~ over himself.

Q: But there were a lot... Now did his parents speak English too, or just Norwegian?

His mother spoke English and his father spoke pretty good, you know.

Q: Now are they from Norway?

They were both from Norway.

Q: and do you know how they happened to settle over here?

No, I ~~don't~~.

Q: They settled...

You see the Norwegians up around Glenwood, they settled up in through ~~there~~ there, Glenwood and Starbuck, that was all Scandinavians. Isn't that funny?



Q: People spoke Scandinavian in Starbuck for quite a long time ~~x~~ I guess?

Yes. They still do, some of the older ones sometimes do here. Then you go a little further east and it's all German.

Q: It's just interesting on how people settled in areas and that's why you'll find different types of communities coming up, ~~and that type of thing.~~

Yeah.


Q: <sup>Do you remember</sup> ~~Were there~~ any sayings that your grandparents on either side had or any...

A.G.: My dad's father says. " sacre ~~the man~~ ? " (French), I don't know what that meant. " sacre ? "

Q: He used to say that all the time?

Yeah, sacre mon ? ", what that means I don't know.

Q: It usually ~~meant~~ meant "Stay away" or..

Yeah, oh heck" I guess. 

Q: Did you ~~x~~ have any traditions? around Christmas time, were there any special ~~x~~ things that you did?

No, New Years was the big day.

Q: New Years <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ ~~xxxx~~ the traditional <sup>a</sup> holiday?

Yeah, right.

Q: What ~~xx~~ kinds of foods did you eat at Christmas time?

I'll tell ya, my grandparents <sup>+</sup> would make this sausage, you know, they lived over here and they had a box made on the north side, you know you could keep ~~xxx~~ <sup>+</sup> stuff <sup>in it</sup> and that thing would be full <sup>of</sup> ~~with~~ sausage <sup>g</sup> and everything.

Q: So they used to make a sausage?

Yeah, especially sausage. I don't know, turkey of course and pies and tarts. That was French.

Q: Cherry tarts?

Any kind, they made those tarts. <sup>And</sup> ~~xx~~ Donuts, a lot of donuts and pastries. they were good ~~pastries~~ pastry cooks.

Q: I'm sure, a lot of them are. ~~How ab~~ Most of the songs you sang were French songs, and ~~the~~ <sup>ose</sup> were the ones your father knew.



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That's right. Oh, he used to sing. I wished <sup>it</sup> it would be now, I would record some of those, it was wonderful. He tried to teach some of us kids around here, like I said, my granddaughter, my girl <sup>5'</sup> daughter, <sup>she</sup> was sick, she had <sup>mono nucleosis</sup> and rheumatic fever when she was 4 years old. The doctor said she had to go to the hospital or stay here and had a voice. ~~fine alto.~~

Q: And that's when she learned those songs?

Yeah, <sup>my dad taught her.</sup> ~~at that time.~~

Q: That's kind of the ~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>why French tradition died because</sup> the ~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>kind of</sup> songs left town, is that right?

Nobody to sing, where you going to go? Poof!

Q: And the person who knew <sup>e</sup> those songs was ~~xxx~~ pretty much <sup>the</sup> of a leader of the whole thing too, I'm sure. Had to get things going.

My dad was a leader. ~~xxxxxx~~

~~Q: nice to think~~

When I was a kid I used to get scared and I ~~used to~~ cry. When I was about 4 or 5 years ~~old~~ old.

Q: Cause you didn't know what was going on?

Yeah, <sup>cause</sup> I didn't know what was going on. Everything was so loud.

Q: Now, there was bad fire through here one time?

Yeah, there was, <sup>quite</sup> quite a few years ago, ~~that~~ <sup>I don't</sup> I wouldn't know what year that would be.

Q: But there used to be a lot of businesses on the other side of town.

You mean in Clontarf? Oh, yeah. Wasn't that one Christmas?

~~Qx~~ Christmas Eve or something like that?

Q: The whole one side ~~went~~ <sup>of town</sup>.

The whole ~~x~~ one side went, yeah. Boy that was terrible.

Q: then didn't most of the bussinesses kind of fold up?

Most of them did. A few of them <sup>built</sup> ~~built~~ again.

Q: Has this town become a little more popular or has it been this size for quite some time? <sup>(414) 45 min</sup>

Oh no. <sup>about the same</sup> The bigger towns get bigger and the <sup>little</sup> ~~smaller~~ towns get smaller, don't you think.



Q: That's what seems to be what happens. A lot of times there's <sup>towns</sup> ~~there's~~ that get to a certain point and stay ~~xx~~ there.

I think people are kind of pepping up a little bit now. ~~We both know that~~

~~I think there's ~~xxx~~ some people in town~~ that are pretty wide awake. <sup>we have some young Jellas here</sup>

Q: I know there's people in Alberta, which is just outside of Morris, there's a lot of that, people trying to get people to stay in town, ~~you know~~ They'll help them out, get a business <sup>s</sup> going here, ~~that~~ that they feel that the town needs and this guy has a business in town and they'll try to keep him ~~in~~ in town. I think it's a good sign.

<sup>Ad-kent</sup> ~~We~~ got that body shop in ~~x~~ here a <sup>Couple</sup> ~~few~~ years ago and that's going pretty good and Fennell's trying to get a cafe and grove <sup>c</sup> ~~x~~ry store built.

Q: Now he had that fire. He showed me the place.

You know where the fire hall is <sup>now</sup>, that's where the bank used to be.

Q: I see. Now who ran the bank?

Bill <sup>P</sup> ~~R~~errizo.

Q: Most of the people used to do their banking in town?

Yes, this used to be the biggest hay shipping <sup>center</sup> ~~xxxx~~ <sup>in</sup> the world.

Q: That's right. <sup>Then</sup> ~~xxxx~~ everybody stopped growing <sup>n</sup> ~~hay~~ hay. That was quite a big deal, I guess.

Oh yes, it was. They'd be fighting for box cars. <sup>to put the hay in.</sup>

Q: Really?

Yeah, they couldn't get <sup>n</sup> ~~enough~~ enough box cars, when they wanted to sell the hay.

Q: Was the railroad pretty <sup>m</sup> ~~important~~ <sup>(in town)</sup> important at that time?

It was at that time, boy. ~~Wx~~ Somebody had a couple of elevators and they burnt down.

Q: that was mostly for shipping hay and that type of thing? <sup>x</sup> (444) (52 min) (Tape #2 - Side #3)

So people in town worked on the railroad?

Yes, they did and then years ago, ~~there~~ <sup>x</sup> were a lot of Italians. They'd have these extra <sup>Crews-</sup> ~~clothes~~. Box cars and box cars of them, you know.

Q: Of people?

A: Yeah, that would work on the railroad too.



Q: Did that cause some problems sometimes? <sup>too</sup>

No, they were paid pretty well. ~~McDermotts~~ McDermotts had the store at that time.

Q: Well, it was a pretty nice <sup>influx</sup> ~~to~~ to get some income into the town.

A.G. I remember when he sold <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ pair of overalls out one time. ( I'll tell you about this later) But that was kind of cute. This Italian was buying <sup>these</sup> overalls and he kept looking and looking and <sup>Chuck</sup> ~~he said~~ finally <sup>said</sup> "Chuck" what's the matter?" He said, "Hey, how do I look from behind?" I never got over that, that was so cute. Chuck did too. The <sup>poor</sup> ~~boy~~ little Italian boy, he was about 3 years old.'

Q: Did ~~x~~ some <sup>of</sup> of the people ~~work~~ farm during the summer and work on the railroad during the winter?

No. <sup>It wasn't that big a deal.</sup>

Q: How about passenger? Was that an important ~~xx~~ <sup>means</sup> ~~means~~ of transportation?  
train

Yeah, it was. I remember a passenger <sup>train</sup> would go east to Benson about noon and would come back about 4 o'clock and a lot of people would take the <sup>train</sup> back and forth.

Q: I see. How about to the <sup>Twin</sup> Cities and that type of <sup>thing</sup> ~~thing~~?

A.G. Oh yeah, that was a big <sup>deal</sup> ~~deal~~, until the buses began coming. I remember the first automobile I <sup>seen</sup> ~~seen~~. I was a little tot, that was many years ago. We seen some lights down the river, my folks and I, we were coming with the horses and couldn't figure out what <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ light was. <sup>because</sup> ~~because~~ they got stuck by the river, and I was so scared you know. My dad ~~x~~ had one of the first cars, they called it the ~~x~~ "Brush", you'd sit there, the engine was there and you'd crank it on the side and <sup>then</sup> just a dash <sup>board</sup> and this way you'd ~~steer~~ steer it this way. Oh, I think I ~~x~~ have a picture of it! It was quite the deal. They'd go " Chug, Chug Chug" <sup>the fastest</sup> ~~the fastest~~ they'd go was 25 miles an hour. <sup>chug a bug</sup>

Q: How were the roads, I'm sure the roads were bad?

A.G. Oh, they weren't so bad, <sup>less</sup> We used to go to church. ~~Bicycles~~ Bicycles could go faster than it did.

Q: You used to bring you bikes in?

A.G. No, but I'd say a <sup>bicycle</sup> ~~bicycle~~ could go faster. It was quite <sup>a</sup> ~~a~~ deal. I think I ~~seen~~ have a picture of that yet. My dad with his big ~~xxx~~ cigar...

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Q: And his car? I'm sure there weren't many cars at that time?

Oh, no. Then he got a Model T Ford. I think they had steps here, they didn't have no doors and you just sat there.

Q: Just sat inside the car and made sure you didn't fall out?

Yeah. He and ~~Mr~~ <sup>Mr</sup> Swanson got each one of those. The railroad was very important at one time here, believe me.

Q: That was for like taking grain and taking hay?

<sup>of course</sup> And taking passengers. Because at one time, <sup>between here and Benson it</sup> ~~the road~~ would be just flooded. We'd have a hard time getting through with a team of horses.

Q: What would it be flooded from?

The river. They straightened the river out finally. They dredged it, <sup>dug</sup> ~~made~~ it deeper.

Q: That used to cause a lot of problems, I'm sure.

So they straightened ~~the~~ <sup>about</sup> the river out. I ~~was~~ supposed that was 60 years ago.

Q: And that took care of that problem. So ~~getting~~ <sup>about</sup> getting through was almost impossible.

Yes, it was. It was very bad.

Q: ~~In winters was~~.... Now how far were you out of town?

6 miles.

Q: So in the winter you would get isolated out there?

Oh, we had a team of horses. I had a pony. <sup>always</sup> I used to take music lessons when I was 14 years old and we had a little sled farm and I'd come to town with my pony and my sled.

Q: Did you have a sleigh?

Yeah, many sleds. Cutters, you know. When ~~we~~ we were in Winnepeg on <sup>?</sup> ~~the~~, maybe you ~~don't~~ don't want to hear this.

Q: That's alright.

I was staying at the hotel there and it was right on the river. Have you ever been up there now, lately? Well you know where the river is.

Q: I <sup>K</sup> ~~now~~ know where the river is.

It was so pretty, you could hear the sleigh bells coming with the horses and a cart.



It was beautiful. Then they had a lot of dog sleighs.

Q: Dogs?

Yeah, I got pictures of ~~xx~~ those. My husband had his picture taken with <sup>this</sup> ~~A~~ dog sleigh.

Yeah, because at the place we were at they had a couple big husky's, they used to look  
~~s~~ beautiful.

Q: So the people, in the winter, got around pretty much then?

Oh yes.

Q: <sup>Wasn't too</sup> ~~Not so~~ much of a problem?

No. They had big bob sleds and they'd cover up, they'd heat bricks to keep your feet warm.

Q: ~~xxxxxx~~ Put them down on your feet and keep warm

When you stop to think about it I've kind of forgotten those things.

Q: That's just interesting because I've never ridden in a sleigh and ...

No!?

Q: No. But you'd see them all the time, <sup>?</sup> ~~and you'd know the fun. (?)~~

Oh yea, I've ridden ~~x~~ many times.

Q: O.K. I can't think of any thing else. Thank ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup>.

End.

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